

House Resolution No. 4102

Whereas, Officer Tom G. Ross has devoted his entire professional life of more than forty years to serving and protecting others through his career in law enforcement; and

Whereas, Officer Ross successfully graduated from the Police Academy of the City of Long Beach, California, in July 1967, and for the remainder of his career continued his pursuit of professional excellence by faithfully participating in the continuing education and on-going training required of him by his law-enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, Officer Ross faithfully served as a law-enforcement officer for more than forty years, including more than twenty-eight years in the City of Long Beach and more than twelve years in the City of Smithville, Missouri; and

Whereas, Officer Ross bravely stood side-by-side with all the other law-enforcement officers across our great nation, forming the thin blue line that protects our society from lawlessness and disorder; and

Whereas, Officer Ross humbly received special recognition throughout his career from his command staff due to his highly prized personal qualities, professional skills, and eagerness to serve above and beyond the call of duty; and

Whereas, Officer Ross consistently conducted himself in a professional, yet personable manner, demonstrating his genuine care and concern for the citizens he served, thereby repeatedly earning their admiration, proved by the countless letters he received which expressed heart-felt appreciation for his service; and

Whereas, the honor and respect he earned from the grateful citizens he served also reflected well on his fellow officers, strengthening their bond with those they serve; and

Whereas, Officer Ross consistently conducted himself in such a manner that he earned the respect and admiration of his fellow officers and peers and impacted and influenced the next generation of law-enforcement officers by providing them with a faithful example to follow:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our grateful appreciation, our fond memories, affection and respect to Officer Ross for his faithful completion of forty years' duty as a law-enforcement officer, with our very best wishes for every happiness and success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Officer Tom G. Ross.

Offered by _____
Representative Doug Ervin
District No. 35

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4102, adopted September 10, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker